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REMARKS

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1. The occupation of the Pasangarten Kaserne near Goetzendorf (P 49/X 57) did not seem to have changed. Student drivers were observed on 10 trucks.

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2. No changes were observed at Langretten an der Loos (P 49/X 57).

3. A group of 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epauletts left the Alt-Kettenhof estate near Schwechat (P 49/X 48) toward Zwölfaxing airfield (P 49/X 48).

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4. In July 1952, [redacted] observed machinery, lathes, welding tools and engine parts in a large low, wooden building. Several groups of Soviet personnel were seen working on engines. [redacted] Major Popov (fnu) was chief of the tank repair shop and the mechanical engineer and that he was to participate in firing practices of Soviet tank units somewhere in Austria and in the Szekesfehervar area (P 48/Z 00) in Hungary. [redacted] a new infantry weapon of a fantastic burst effect had been stored at Sollenau (O 48/X 35). 2

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5. Prior to late May 1952, the headquarters [redacted] belonging to the Central Group of Forces in Vienna was located in Baden (O 49/X 37). [redacted] The chief of the office, which also distributed athletic equipment, was a colonel.

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6. In June 1959, replacements from the training battalion Malinovka, P.S.S.R. and about 1,000 other soldiers which were moved by rail to the Hungarian border via Kiev, were loaded in Hungarian cars and dispatched to Bruck on the Leitha River (P 49/X 77). They were unloaded and marched to a distributing point for military personnel near a small town in the woods, where they arrived after a night march of about two hours. Within 24 hours, they had been picked up by trucks which belonged to the new units. The distribution point also was a collecting point for discharges, [REDACTED]

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